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Mr. Roland Cornelius
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Dear Mr. Cornelius:

Oregon is a maritime state. The Pacific Ocean and the Columbia River, two of the world's great waterways, form two of Oregon's borders.

These avenues of commerce play a major role in Oregon's economy. Oregonians build and repair world ships, design and construct world navigation projects, navigate ocean bars and inland rivers, fish local and distant seas, load Oregon's products for world markets, and deliver new world products for Oregon consumption. All this marine activity is central to Oregon's economic development.

Today changes are underway. The nation is looking anew at national maritime commitments. New challenges to historic marine concepts are being declared. Changes such as waterway user fees, local match for federal water projects, the 200-mile economic zone, and Coastal Zone Management are creating important economic impacts within Oregon's maritime industry.

The state, too, is redefining its role in maritime affairs. Important maritime issues are being considered by the Legislature. Court decisions are setting new precedents regarding maritime laws. Agency directives have sometimes created an imbalance in the development of Oregon's marine industry.

We are concerned with these issues. We recognize that more changes are coming to Oregon's marine industry. We intend to be involved in those changes. To be effective, we must be well informed, and we must be informed by those whose business is directly related to the marine world.

As an important step in this process, I am initiating a program to form a statewide Governor's Advisory Committee for Maritime Affairs (GACMA). The purpose of this committee will be to provide

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the Governor's office with an informed industry view regarding important maritime developments. This committee will also provide the Governor's office with the opportunity to test new ideas and programs regarding marine development with a wide section of Oregon's marine community.

We solicit your suggestions regarding this proposal. Within the next few weeks, we will finalize the committee structure and membership. Should you have potential candidates for the GACMA, I would appreciate your providing their names, addresses, and brief background.

The Department of Economic Development will provide staff support for this program. Your response can be expedited if you would direct your correspondence to their offices at 921 S.W. Washington Street, Suite 425, Portland, Oregon 97205.

Thank you for your time and I will look forward to reviewing your comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,


Victor Atiyeh
Governor